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MUSIC HALL,

Tuesday Evening, November 30th, 1886, at 8 o'clock.

Farewell Reception Extraordinaire!

In response to the innumerable and urgent solicitations of eminent Bostonians, and in consequence of the earnest and scientific discussion regarding the subject of "Thought Reading," now being carried on in the daily press,

MR. WASHINGTON IRVING BISHOP,

First and World Eminent

Demonstrator of the Phenomenal Power of

Thought Reading,

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has consented to give a public exemplification of his strange talents, which will be his only appearance in Boston prior to his retirement from public life.

The extraordinary interest created in the public mind throughout Europe and the United States by Mr. Bishop's discovery and illustration of the marvellous power of "Thought Reading," and the magnificent and altogether unprecedented receptions accorded to him by the Sovereigns to whose Courts he has been invited, testify to the value and importance of his work, and place him in a unique position among the foremost scientific investigators. Since 1869, when Mr. Bishop first evidenced the possession of the peculiar gift which in earlier times would probably have brought him to the stake for witchcraft, and which is now regarded with wonder and amazement by one-half the world, and with incredulity by the other, he has successfully penetrated the secrets of Monarchs, Princes, Diplomats, Statesmen, and the most distinguished in the Scientific and Philosophic world. Among the thousands of illustrious personages under whose especial patronage Mr. Bishop has pursued his researches into the little known Science of the Human Mind, may be instanced the following: —

* His Imperial Majesty, ALEXANDER III., Emperor of all the Russias.
* Her Imperial Majesty, MARIA FEODOROVNA, Empress of all the Russias.
* His Majesty, OSCAR II., King of Sweden and Norway.
* Her Majesty, SOPHIA, Queen of Sweden and Norway.
* His Majesty, GEORGE I., King of Greece.
* Her Majesty, OLGA CONSTANTINOVNA, Queen of Greece.
* His Majesty, CHARLES I., King of Roumania.
* Her Majesty, ELIZABETH, Queen of Roumania.
* His Royal Highness, ALBERT EDWARD, Prince of Wales, K. G.
* Her Royal Highness, ALEXANDRA, Princess of Wales.

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*HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS ALEXANDROVITCH, CESAREVITCH OF ALL THE RUSSIAS.
*HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CONSTANTINE, DUKE OF SPARTA, CROWN PRINCE OF GREECE.
*HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE GEORGE ALEXANDROVITCH OF RUSSIA.
*HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE VLADIMIR ALEXANDROVITCH OF RUSSIA.
*HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE ALEXIS ALEXANDROVITCH OF RUSSIA.
*HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE SERGIUS ALEXANDROVITCH OF RUSSIA.
*HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS GRAND DUKE PAUL ALEXANDROVITCH OF RUSSIA.
*HER IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUCHESS MARIA PAULOWNA OF RUSSIA.
*HER IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH FEODOROVNA, OF RUSSIA.
*HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE CONSTANTINE CONSTANTINOVITCH OF RUSSIA.
*HER IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUCHESS ELIZABETH MAVRIKIEVNA OF RUSSIA.
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*HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS THE GRAND DUKE ALEXANDER MICHAILOVITCH OF RUSSIA.
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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS MARIE-ALEXANDROVNA, DUCHESS OF EDINBURGH.
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALEXANDRA, PRINCESS ROYAL OF GREECE.
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE NICHOLAS OF GREECE.
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ARTHUR, DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARNE, K.G.
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS LOUISE-MARGUERITE, DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARNE.
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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS HELENE-FREDERIQUE, DUCHESS OF ALBANY.
*HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS MARIA ADELAIDE, DUCHESS OF TECK.
*HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE CHARLES OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY.
*HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE EUGENE OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY.
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN, K.G.
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS CHRISTIAN OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.
*HIS SERENE HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF TECK.
HIS SERENE HIGHNESS THE VICE-ADMIRAL, COMTE DE GLEICHEN.
*HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRINCE MALCOLM KHAN, MINISTER FROM PERSIA TO ENGLAND.
*THE MARSHAL SHEIKA MOHSIN KHAN, AMBASSADOR OF PERSIA TO TURKEY.
*HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF SUTHERLAND, K.G.
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Also the faculties of the universities of Great Britain and the continent, hundreds of members of both houses of Parliament, and the members of the various diplomatic corps representing the countries of the Old and New World.

The names marked with an asterisk indicate the persons with whom Mr. Bishop has successfully experimented at their especial request.

ENDEARING NAMES REVEALED.

ACCOMPLISHED WITH

HER IMPERIAL MAJESTY THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA

AND

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

The familiar names of endearment by which members of the same family are accustomed to address one another are usually regarded as sacred to the family itself; and the discovery of such affectionate appellations constitutes as accurate a test as can be desired of the psychological phenomena with which Mr. Irving Bishop's name will always be associated. The accomplishment of this was attained by Mr. Bishop in a most interesting experiment with H. R. H. the Princess of Wales. The Princess was asked by Mr. Bishop, at the house of the Duchess of Manchester in London, to fix her mind on the name of one dear to her, and Mr. Bishop at once said the name was "Minnie," which H. R. H. said was correct, it being the pet name of her sister the Princess Dagmar of Denmark, now Empress of Russia. By a peculiar coincidence, four years later, in the Imperial Palace of Gatchina, Mr. Bishop essayed a similar experiment with the Empress of Russia, and the name which Mr. Bishop declared to be the one thought of, and which the Empress confirmed, was "Alex," that being the familiar appellative of her sister, the Princess of Wales.

MENTAL PICTURES SEEN AND DELINEATED.

No stronger evidence of Mr. Bishop's power to make known what is present in the mind of another could be given or required than the signal success with which he has repeatedly drawn a picture of the person or object upon which the thoughts of his subject were concentrated. The complete accuracy with which this can be accomplished was triumphantly exemplified by Mr. Bishop several times when in Russia. On one occasion before six thousand people in the Salon de Noblesse, Moscow, experimenting with a distinguished Russian painter, Mr. Bishop drew a marvellously truthful portrait of Tourgénieff, the famous Russian poet and novelist, then recently dead. The wonder excited was so great that all the people present insisted on a close inspection of the drawing, and Mr. Bishop was asked for no further proof of his powers on that occasion. At another time Mr. Bishop met Svitchkoff, the distinguished Court painter, at the headquarters of the Emperor's Huzzar body-guard. Mr. Bishop asked Svitchkoff to fix his mind upon the lineaments of a face, and directly produced a likeness of the late Emperor Nicholas, including even the details of his general's uniform. Subsequently Mr. Bishop was entertained by the officers of the splendid and celebrated Chevalier Guard Regiment, which is the immediate guard of the person of the Empress, and is officered entirely by Royal Princes and noblemen. On this occasion an incident took place of a most curious and interesting character.

Mr. Bishop was asked by one of the Royal Princes to sketch a portrait which he had in his mind, and Mr. Bishop thereupon produced a wonderfully accurate portrait of the celebrated Empress Catherine II., which he supplemented by appending thereto a fac-simile of her Imperial signature. The servants, who had previously heard of the extraordinary things done by Mr. Bishop, and had concluded that he achieved them by the aid of evil spirits, became greatly excited, and were afraid to come into the room and go about their duties. Another officer, however, asked Mr. Bishop to reproduce what was in his mind. When Mr. Bishop's blindfold was removed, the servants were standing around with their fears of diabolical agency entirely removed, and were gazing with reverence on the Sacred Cross of the Greek Church with beams of light radiating from it, the officer having chosen this plan to banish the superstitious fears of the attendants. The officers of the regiment presented Mr. Bishop with a splendid service of plate as a memento of his visit, this forming one of the numerous magnificent souvenirs which Mr. Bishop received from the members of the Russian Court, and which the Russian press stated had only been equalled in richness by those given to that wonderful artist, Madame Patti.

MR. WASHINGTON IRVING BISHOP.

THE MIND UNVEILED

AND

ITS ACTION TRACED.

EXEMPLIFIED WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF

THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

AN interesting feature in connection with the two experiments here described, and which took place with the Emperor and Empress of Russia, during Mr. Bishop's visit to the Imperial Palace of Gatchina, is that Mr. Bishop in each case followed the action of the mind of the subject to a point beyond that which was originally contemplated. In the first instance, the Empress of Russia spoke of the experiments Mr. Bishop had successfully made with her sister the Princess of Wales, which H. R. H. had described in her letters to the Empress, and wished Mr. Bishop to attempt to read her thoughts as he had done those of the Princess of Wales. Mr. Bishop thereupon asked Her Majesty to fix her mind on some object at a distance, and then, being blindfold, conducted Her Majesty to one of the rooms in her own part of the palace, in which hung a number of medallion portraits. Mr. Bishop then told Her Majesty that her mind had been fixed on a portrait of the late Emperor Nicolas, which had hung with the others, but which had been removed without the knowledge of Her Majesty and another hung in its place This Her Majesty avouched to be the case. The astonishment of the Royal party at this triumph of Mr. Bishop's power was so great, that the Emperor playfully accused the Empress of being Mr. Bishop's confederate.

The Czar then challenged Mr. Bishop to penetrate his thoughts, and informed him that the object upon which he, the Czar, would fix his mind would be one the position of which had certainly not been changed. Mr. Bishop then conducted His Majesty at a rapid pace to a distant part of the palace, and entered a room in which a dim light was burning. Mr. Bishop touched a bell upon a table, and then rang it in a peculiar and distinctive manner. The effect upon the Emperor, and indeed upon the entire Imperial party and everyone in the palace, was electric. The Emperor had fixed his mind upon a bell in an apartment of the late Emperor Alexander II., in which every article had, by special command, been left just as they were in his lifetime. But Mr. Bishop had not only led the present Emperor to the bell, but had startled every one by ringing it exactly in the manner of the late Emperor, a sound which had not been heard in the palace since his assassination. The Czar, who commenced the experiment in a state of scepticism, now most cordially testified to Mr. Bishop's possession of a power which enabled him to trace the innermost workings of the mind.

CONCEALED DOCUMENTS DISCOVERED.

EXEMPLIFIED WITH

His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway.

The intention of this experiment is to show the possibility of discovering, by the faculty of Thought Reading, the hiding place of secreted documents. While Mr. Bishop had the honor of staying at Drottningholm Castle as the guest of their Majesties the King and Queen of Sweden and Norway, this test was proposed by the King, who desired that Mr. Bishop should endeavor to discover certain documents which his Majesty had himself deposited in a secret place, and of which no other person knew the whereabouts. Mr. Bishop, being blindfold, conducted his Majesty through numerous apartments to a distant part of the castle, opened a cabinet which contained a large number of documents, and, selecting two therefrom, handed them to the King. These contained the minutes of a meeting of Norwegian officials, which the King had received on the previous day, and which his Majesty — who regarded the experiments throughout with deep scientific interest — declared to be those which he had made the subject of the experiment.

TRANSMISSION OF MELODY FROM MIND TO MIND, DEMONSTRATED BEFORE THE RUSSIAN COURT.

The Empress of Russia was desirous, on the occasion of Mr. Bishop's visit, by Imperial command to the palace of Gatchina, to impose a test of a novel and crucial character upon Mr. Bishop's Thought-reading powers. Her Imperial Majesty suggested to the Minister of the Court, His Excellency General Richter, who is an accomplished musician, that he should think of a melody which Her Majesty named to him, and see if Mr. Bishop's peculiar ability enabled him to reproduce the theme. Mr. Bishop's success was instantaneous and complete, and, in the official report provided by his Excellency for publication in the *Journal de St. Petersburgh*, General Richter states that the most beautiful experiment before their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress, was Mr. Bishop playing, in a musician-like manner, on a piano, the melody which the Empress had secretly suggested to him.

SEALED WRITINGS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES, DECIPHERED AND TRANSCRIBED.

That the exercise of Mr. Bishop's powers is not confined to reading the thoughts of those who think in and speak a language different from his own, has been frequently manifested, and notably in several cases where the characters, written and printed, differed widely from the English characters — such as Persian, Russian, Hebrew, Hindostan, Greek and Erse. A successful experiment, consisting of the reproduction of a word in the Persian character, was made by Mr. Bishop with His Excellency Prince Malcom Khan, Persian Ambassador at the Court of St. James; in the Russian language, with Her Majesty the Queen of Greece, and Gregorovitch, the Charles Dickens of the Russian people; in Hebrew, Greek and Hindostan, with several well-known University Professors of these languages; and Mr. Bishop, on one occasion, roused a large Dublin audience to the highest pitch of enthusiasm when experimenting with the professor of the Erse language at Trinity College, Dublin, by correctly writing in the Erse characters the word "failthe," meaning "welcome," that being the word which the professor had thought of.

A MURDER TABLEAU,

AS RE-ENACTED WITH

THE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY.

DURING Mr. Bishop's stay in St. Petersburg, a trial for murder was proceeding in the courts, which was attended by most mysterious circumstances, and was a theme of general conversation. When Mr. Bishop had the honor to receive the commands of His Imperial Majesty the Czar to attend at the Palace of Gatchina, he was asked if his power of Thought Reading had ever been used in the detection of crime. Mr. Bishop replied that the time was approaching when it would be so used, and asked the Imperial party to enact the scene of a supposed murder during his retirement from the apartment. Mr. Bishop retired, and the Grand Duke Constantine-Constantinovitch then took a dagger from the girdle of one of the Cossacks forming the Imperial Guard, and went through the motion of inflicting a wound upon the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, Princess of Hesse, and daughter of the late Princess Alice of England, after which he concealed the poniard. Mr. Bishop then re-entered the room blindfold, and having stood for a few moments by the side of the supposed murderer, got a complete mental picture of the events which had occured during his absence, seized the hidden weapon, and repeated the actions of the Grand Duke in the most minute details, thrilling with wonder the Imperial party, and terryfying the superstitious Cossack soldiers, who believed Mr. Bishop's power to be the result of some unholy alliance with the other world. It may be mentioned in this connection that it was the witnessing of an experiment similar to this just described, which suggested to Mr. Hugh Conway the most powerful scene in his now world-famous novel, "Called Back," namely, the revelation of the incidents of a murder by thought-transference.

REAL AND IMAGINARY SUFFERINGS LOCALIZED.

ILLUSTRATED WITH

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G.,

AND

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE LATE DUKE OF ALBANY, K.G.

THE nature of this experiment has caused great interest and curiosity in medical circles; and there can be no doubt that as the power of Thought Reading becomes better understood and more widely practised, it will be used for discovering the seat of a disorder in patients who are unable to describe their own sufferings. Mr. Bishop, when giving a reception to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, at Keats' House, Chelsea, on the day of the Oaks in 1881, pointed out the exact spot, on the foot, in which the pain was located, from which H. R. H. was suffering. The Prince, who had just returned from Epsom, and had been walking more than usual, pronounced this to be correct. And Mr. Bishop subsequently declared that the subject of the Prince's thoughts was the winner of the Derby, Bend Or, which H. R. H. also acknowledged to be the fact. With H. R. H. the late Duke of Albany, Mr. Bishop was peculiarly successful in indicating the locality of the neuralgic and other pains from which H. R. H. frequently suffered.

ENDEARING NAMES REVEALED.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES

AND

MR. WASHINGTON IRVING BISHOP.

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